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SUBJ: RABBI KAHANE VISITS EMBASSY
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1. MEIR KAHANE CALLED AT EMBASSY MORNING OF MAY 10 AND WAS RECEIVED BY CONSUL JOHN ADAMS. AFTER EXCHANGE OF PLEASANTRIES, KAHANE, WHO WAS UNACCOMPANIED, STATE BRIEFLY THAT HE WAS VERY CONCERNED THAT VIOLENCE AGAINST SOVIET OFFICIALS IN U.S. WILL ESCALATE UNLESS THERE IS A MORE LIBERAL SOVIET POLICY CONCERNING JEWS WHO WISH TO LEAVE THE USSR. KAHANE EMPHASIZED THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PERPETRATING VIOLENCE ARE MEMBERS OF GROUP KNOWN AS JEWISH ARMED RESISTANCE (JAR) AND ARE NOT RPT NOT MEMBERS OF HIS OWN JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL). HE NEVERTHELESS EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT GROUP WILL LISTEN TO HIM IF HE PUBLICLY ASKDS FOR A MORATORIUM ON VIOLENCE, WHICH HE IS PREPARED TO DO, PROVIDED THAT HE HAS SOME ASSURANCE FROM USG THAT HIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN PASSED TO SOVIETS. MESSAGE IS SIMPLY THAT HE BELIEVES VIOLENCE IS LIKELY TO ESCALATE IF MORE JEWS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE USSR, WITH INEVITABLE ADVERSE EFFECT ON DETENTE. KAHANE ALSO SAID THAT HE WILL SOON MAIL TO EMBASSY LIST OF 6 OR 7 JEWS WHO HAVE BEEN TRYING TO LEAVE USSR FOR YEARS. WHEN ASKED IF HE WAS LINKING HIS WILLINGNESS

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TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT TO USG PUSHING THIS LIST, HE REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT. HE SIMPLY ASKED THAT THE LIST BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPT BY THE EMBASSY.

2. WHEN ASKED WHY HE BELIEVED JAR WOULD IMPOSE MORATORIUM ON VIOLENCE IF HE PUBLICLY ASKED FOR IT, KAHANE STATED THAT HE COULD OBVIOUSLY NOT PROMISE THIS RESULT, BUT FELT THAT HE HAD CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE WITH GROUP AS MANY OF ITS MEMBERS HAD BELONGED TO JDL AND STILL LOOKED TO HIM FOR LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE.

3. KAHANE INDICATED THAT HE HAD PASSED SIMILAR MESSAGE TO AMB YOST IN 1970 WHEN, HE ACKNOWLEDGED, JDL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTS OF VIOLENCE. KAHANE FELT THAT SHORTLY AFTER SOVIETS DID LIBERALIZE THEIR POLICY TOWARDS JEWS BUT DID NOT KNOW IF HIS INTERVENTION WITH AMB YOST HAD INFLUENCED THIS FACT.

4. CONOFF MADE NO COM
HIS VIEWS WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO DEPT.
DUNNIGAN